TWO CENTS.

# HOCHESTER SWEPT

Two Big Fires in Different Sections of City.

FIERCE GALE IS BLOWING Nothing Definite Decided as Result

Help Rushed by Train From Buffalo

and Syracuse.

LOSS ALREADY OVER A MILLION

Militia Called Out to Guard Proper-

ty-Started in Business Center on Main Street.

mercy of two alarming fires which are raging simultaneously in different sections of the city. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the fires were still spreading, litical machinery at Dayton. and the loss had already amounted to duty in the streets, and help has been summoned from the Buffalo and Syracuse fire departments.

tions of the city, are apparently uncon- who reported adversely to the incumbent trollable, and unless the gale which is Senator Dick and the friends of Mr. now blowing at thirty or more miles an hour subsides the damage will be incal- dent Taft sitting as judge and Senators culable. Every piece of fire apparatus is Dick and Burton as a jury, the case has to Syracuse and Buffalo for assistance. Both cities have replied that they are sending aid on fast trains.

Started in Selden Building.

The fire broke out in the Selden building. a four-story structure at the corner of Gibbs and Main streets. That building is in ruins. The flames leaped from it to St. Peter's Church, in Grove street, and then to the big Jewish synagogue, the Berith Kodesh Temple. St. Peter's was saved, but the temple is gutted.

Apartment houses on Grove street. valued at \$100,000 were next swept away, and then the flames attacked a score or more residences on that and adjoining streets and are now spreading to others. Fully 150 families have moved out from the paths of the flames.

a single stream of water to check the popular among railroad men, is strongly progress of the fire.

About the same time fire broke out in the First Reformed Church, on Nassau street, in another section of the city and States attorney. Sherman McPherson, a about one mile removed. Only one fire company could be spared for this fire, and the church soon fell a prey to the flames, which spread to residences, and are sweeping the street, the residents moving out as fast as the flames ap-

## Militia Ordered Out.

The militia has been ordered out by Mayor Egerton to police the burning

One girl is reported missing. She worked in the burned Palmer building. A woman went violently insane from fear, as her home was in the path of the flames. She was sent to a hospital.

It has been decided to dynamite some buildings on Stillson street in an effort to control the fire. The fire is raging una-

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 13.-Fire Chief McConnell has received a request from the mayor of Rochester to send them district. assistance and will dispatch an engine York Central railroad.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 13.-Assistant quired to Rochester's aid.

## NEW HIGH RECORD FOR WHEAT Today.

CHICAGO, April 13.-Wheat delivery in May, July and September established new high record marks at the opening of the board of trade today.

from 1.27 to 1.28. The latter price is 3 the time his name was mentioned for cents better than the most sanguine pre- The diction made two months ago by the lead- lerbe that he would have a careful invesing bull. It is 8 cents over the price he publicly declared at that time would be

July rose early to 1.17%, an advance had voted at Florence and owned propover yesterday of 1%c. September touch- erty in that section of the state. ed 1.00%, a gain of %alc over night. The Liverpool market furnished the bull

news of the hour. Wheat there, after the his side of the Atlantic and prices were marked up 31/4 to 3% pence.

eral belief that there is a worldwide shortage of wheat. Reports of favorable ter wheat belt were ignored.

is said, to the closing out of the May nett as too efficient a man to let go. contracts of Ennis and Stoppani, the Representative Austin of Tennessee brokers of New York and Chicago against asked President Taft today to visit the ruptcy was filed in New York today. The nessee at Knoxville this summer. Mr. amount involved here is said not to have Austin told the President that there are

## CITY'S SHORTAGE, \$67,026.46. Total and Exact Amount of Downs'

Alleged Defalcation. Special Dispatch to The Star. was made this afternoon to Mayor Ma- graves. The President will remain as a hool by the American Audit Company on the alleged shortages of William F. Downs, and this shows that the total and one cent, the first woman suffrage stamp exact amount of money which the former of the Co-operative Equal Suffrage c'erk is claimed to have appropriated is League of New York. It was sold to him \$67,026.46—which is just \$100 less than Dorr. Senator La Follette got the second was shown in the audit of Deputy City Controller Freeman, when the first ex-

The report rendered this afternoon also shows that eleven of the city depositories were affected by the shortage. The greatest sum said to have been taken from any one bank was \$52,000 Senate measures. Representative Boutell was rushed from this city, while other Yale today pleaded "super-education." from the National Mechanics' Bank, while of Chicago said there was every promise the smallest sum was from the Union

amination of the books was made.

any one day.

National Bank. The report also indicates that \$3,100 was of a good measure has already been at- back the big fire and keep it from the

# ELLIS IN CONFERENCE

BY RAGING FLAMES President Consults Him on Ohio Appointments.

ROBINS' CASE HANGS FIRE

of Long Hearing.

OTHER BUCKEYE JOBS TO FILL

Dennett to Stay as Commissioner of Land Office-Papers in Florence,

S. C., Post Office Fight.

Wade Ellis, assistant attorney general and the quiet adviser of the President as to Ohio appointments, conferred for half an hour today with Mr. Taft as to ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 13 .- The several complicated cases in that state. city of Rochester appears to be at the For three hours yesterday afternoon, as stated in The Star, President Taft sat as a judge and listened to the defense of Oscar I. Robins against charges that he used money too freely in running the po-

Mr. Robins has been surveyor of the \$1,000,000. The Rochester militia is on port at Dayton four years. His term has expired and the organization republicans in his county greatly desire his continuation for another term. Charges preferred against him were carefully investigated The fires, which are raging in two sec- by an agent of the Treasury Department Robins asked a personal hearing of the case, and this was granted. With Presibeen gone oyer. Robert Nevin,

chairman at Dayton, and Theodore Flu hart appeared before the President and made statements. The President called in Mr. Ellis today to go over the situation with him, as nothing definite was decided as a result of the long hearing. Not only is the Dayton surveyorship under consideration, but the post office at Sandusky, the internal revenue collectorship of the Columbus-Athens collection district, and several other matters are giving worry. The President wishes to dispose of all the appointments at the earliest possible moment, but he is proceeding with deliberation and care, his uppermost thought being to promote harony in the state. Wade Ellis was close to the President throughout the presidential campaign last

ear, and he has immediate entree at the White House whenever he calls.

### Bowland in the Lead.

For the internal revenue office, made vacant by the resignation of Collector Moore, the most prominent candidate is W. G. Bowland of Columbus, but a rail-Numerous houses are burning, without road conductor, John H. Elder of Athens,

An impending change of importance a Cincinnati is in the office of the United personal friend of ex-Senator Foraker, has held the office five or six years, and it seems settled that there is to be a change. Henry G. Williams, republican state chairman, is slated for the office. It is interesting that President Taft has shown no favors to the republicans of his state up to this time. He has given no important office to the state. Not a single member of his cabinet hails from that state, and in giving his cabinet officers unlimited authority in selecting their assistants he has shut the door on a horde of hungry Ohioans, who expected to land in choice spots in the great federal officeholding pasture. No good diplomatic places have gone to Ohio, and the boys

Papers in Post Office Fight. The Florence, S. C., post office case, which has been pending before the President ever since he came into office, was enlivened today by affidavits, letters and papers filed with the President by Representative Ellerbe of that congressional The administration, upon the recommendation of Postmaster General and crew at once by way of the New Hitchcock, has been ready for some time to appoint Howard Cassel, a son of Representative Cassel, who has been living at Florence some years as manager of the

Fire Chief Ryan is sending two engines | Electric Lighting and Water Company. and two hose wagons with the men re- Mr. Ellerbe asked that the appointment be held up until he could present objections to Mr. Cassel. This he did today. These are in the form of affidavits from county officers and others, to the effect that Mr. Cassel has never paid taxes in Flurry in May Takes Price to \$1.28 the county, and especially the poll tax. which would entitle him to vote in the elections of the state.

The affidavits show also, it is said, that Mr. Cassel was technically arrested by going to show that he has never consid-May wheat opened with small sales at ered himself a citizen of the town up to President told Representative Eltigation of the charges made before acting. Some time ago Representative Cassel of Pennsylvania, father of the young man, filed papers showing that his son

Fred Dennett to Stay.

Secretary Ballinger of the Interior De-Easter holiday, reflected conditions on partment has asked President Taft to Other European markets advanced sym- the land office, and this will be done. Mr. Dennett was assistant commissioner of The real influence, however, was a gen- the land office when Mr. Ballinger was weather for the growing crop in the win- Mr. Ballinger he urged President Roose- fishing town thought the visitors had usurped the prerogatives of the board of velt to promote Dennett, and this was The opening flurry in May was due, it done. The Secretary regards Mr. Denwhom an involuntary petition in bank- summer school of the University of Ten-2.000 pupils, embryo teachers, at this school each summer, and that he would be heartily welcomed. The President could not make any promises, but said he would

think it over President Taft has at last decided that he will go to the Gettysburg battlefield on Memorial day. He will deliver an address to a great gathering of G. A. R. BALTIMORE, Md., April 13 .- A report men who will be there to decorate the guest at a banquet in honor of Gov.

Stuart. President Taft not long ago bought, for

#### stamp. Expect Good Tariff Bill.

Republican congressional callers told the President today that they believe a good tariff bill will come out of the House and of a satisfactory measure. "The basis been abstracted from the city's funds in House and Senate bills start off well and several miles in length and a high wind and conducted his own examination. from the two there should be gotten a is fanning the flames.



WASHINGTON, D. C., TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1909-EIGHTEEN PAGES.

#### first-class measure. The outlook is certainly good. President Taft received a large numbe

of people by special appointment this afternoon. Included in the list were A. G. Fredenburg and the senior class of Adel phi College of Brooklyn, and Representa tive Hobson of Alabama, introducing forty or fifty delegates to the Kappa Delta Sorority convention being held in this

Senor Nabuco, the Brazilian ambassa dor, introduced to the President a distinguished editor of Rio de Janeiro, Hosea Carlos Rodriguez of the Journal de Com-

SEVENTY-FIVE TRAIN PASSEN-GERS MAROONED.

Stuck on Top of Continental Divide and Train May Not Move for Several Days.

DENVER, April 13 .- Seventy-five passengers who left this city Sunday morning last for a trip over the Moffat road are marooned at Corona, at the summit of the Continental divide, with nothing to eat but the limited amount of foodstuffs in shipment in the express car.

The primary cause of the blockade is the derailment of a snow plow sent out to clear the track of huge drifts caused by Sunday's snowstorm.

A train load of laborers started to the rescue yesterday, but according to reports they are stalled in the snow several miles this side of the passenger train. A fiftymile gale was blowing on the main range yesterday and work had to be suspended. The derailed snowplow is now buried in and trainmen are eating what they can discovered. get from the express car and sleeping in the day coaches of the train.

It is also reported that the passengers Wednesday last for Denver, are still on morning. the road, their train being stalled at Fawn creek.

The people along this line depend upon the daily shipments of supplies from Denver, and unless the road is opened soon there will be real scarcity of provisions.

## Boston Man Pleads Guilty and Gets

a Year in Pen. BOSTON, April 13.—That the schooner Bonita illegally landed thirty-three Chinamen from Nova Scotia at Marblehead man Phillips of this city in the United control of the county treasury. States district court today, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of smuggling, and was sentenced to one year in prison. Phillips, who was arrested a few years by the March United States grand jury on two counts. He pleaded guilty to both. the second charging him with conspir-

#### RAILWAY TRAINS MENACED. Fierce Forest Fire Raging on Mountain Near Wilkesbarre.

Special Dispatch to The Star. WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 13 .-An immense forest fire raging on the Nescapeck mountain, near here, threatens to destroy miles of the Pennsylvania railroad track near Fernglen, and the railroad company is hurrying large numbers of men to the scene to fight it. It became serious during the night and a special train loaded with workers men were gathered up from points as far south as Sunbury. An effort is now being made along an extended line to the greatest amount claimed to have tained," said Mr. Boutell, "Both the railroad property. The fighting line is

T. Back in Office.

ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLING

SNOWED UP AND WITHOUT FOOD Shoots Self Through Head After Trying the Pistol.

HEARING WAS SET FOR TODAY

Under Indictment on Eight Charges Involving Misuse of Broome County, N. Y., Funds.

the eve of his second trial on a charge of the murder by Ilongote tribesmen of Dr. embezzling Broome county funds, which was scheduled to open in Cooperstown at 10 o'clock this morning, Arthur W. T. Back, former clerk of the Broome county his two years' stay among the wild men board of supervisors, former custodian of the interior. The specimens will be of county buildings and former chairman sent at once to the institution in Chicago. of the Broome county republican committee, committeed suicide early today by shooting himself through the head.

A clerk in Mr. Back's office found the and had started to leave the country body in a sitting position at a table where he had been studying the natives clutching a revolver. Two shots were at close range. fired, one through a pane of glass, presumably to see if the revolver was in Cagayan river to secure boats in which the snow. It is thought that it will be working condition, and the second to carry his collection down the river several days before the blockade can be through the back of the head. Back had and unwittingly crossed the deadline that lifted. In the meantime the passengers been dead two hours when his act was had been established by hostile Ilongotes.

While the shots were heard in the build- who offered him a dish of fish as a ing, they attracted no attention, and Mr. Back was supposed to be on his way to tribal custom. Not suspecting that he who left Steamboat Springs, the western Cooperstown, having announced last night was accepting their challenge by so doterminus at present of the Moffat road that he would leave at 4 o'clock this ing, he ate the fish and was attacked

.Indicted on Eight Charges. Back was indicted by the Broome coun-

ty grand jury in August, 1907, on eight charges of forgery and grand larceny growing out of his conduct of the offices enumerated. His occupancy of these of-ILLEGALLY LANDED CHINAMEN building roads on which Broome county embarked on a generous scale in 1903, and as a result Back built up a powerful political machine, and is alleged to have attempted to overthrow George W. Dunn

After an investigation by District Atso quietly one summer evening three torney Clark and State Controller Glynn Special Dispatch to The Star. commissioner. Upon the retirement of years ago that the inhabitants of the old the latter reported that Back "had been on a picnic, was admitted by Good-plaisant county treasurer, had absolute

Disburses \$500.000 From Treasury. Mr. Glynn also stated that \$500,000 had been disbursed from the Broome county ago on a similar charge, was indicted treasury upon the sole order and audit of Back and that of this amount \$106,808 had not been worked since last Saturday was paid directly to Back and \$176,388 to a clerk in Back's office and dispersed ing to smuggle, but that one was placed by them. Back subsequently resigned as clerk of the board of supervisors. David B. King, the former county treasurer, also was indicted on a charge

of misappropriating county funds and resigned two days before he was to appear before Gov. Hughes for a hearing. In the bitter fight which ensued two of the editors of a Binghamton paper were indicted for making charges against the district attorney.

### EDUCATION NEGRO'S EXCUSE. 'No Business in College," Plea of

Forger From Yale.

ST. LOUIS, April 13.-Conducting his own defense on a charge of forgery, Louis O. Graves, a negro graduate of "I am a negro and have no business with a college education," he declared. Graves was charged with forging a check. He called himself to the stand terms in penitentiaries and that he had been an inmate of five insane asylums he asked himself: "Did you ever try to commit suicide? and answered:

"Five times. I jumped from the third tier of cells and cracked my skull. took poison in central police station. tried to hang myself in the penitentiary and twice I tried to kill myself when I felt a desire to commit crime coming over

Graves said he had no recollection of the forgery with which he is now charged. He was remanded to jail to await possible action by the grand jury.

## FATAL ERROR OF DR. WM. JONES

MISTOOK ILONGOTE CHALLENGE FOR FRIENDLY ADVANCE.

Accepted Offer of Fish, Which Signifies Defiance-Was Mortally Wounded by the Natives.

MANILA, April 13 .- The party recently sent out by the government to investi-BINGHAMTON, N. Y., April 13.—On gate the circumstances connected with William Jones, a noted anthropologist connected with the Columbian Museum in Chicago, has recovered the valuable collection made by the scientist during Members of the party learned additional details of the tragic death of Dr. Jones. It appears that he had been warned that trouble was in store for him

> He returned to the headwaters of the He was met by a party of warriors token of defiance in accordance with immediately. The warriors wounded him many times with their spears, but he managed to fight them off with his revolver until he reached a boat, in which he escaped.

Dr. Jones was so severely wounded that he died five hours later, and his body was rescued from the river by friendly fices gave him control of the work of Hongotes. A native servant also was attacked at the same time, but escaped uninjured, saving the scientist's revolver.

## ROCK SLIDE BURIES WORKMEN.

Bodies Cannot Be Recovered Inside of Twelve Days.

GRANVILLE, N. Y., April 13.-In a rock slide which occurred at the Owens tunnel quarry at 8:30 o'clock this morning five Hungarian laborers were killed and several injured. Present reports are that it will be at least twelve days before the bodies of the men can be recovered, so deep are they buried. Yesterday being a Hungarian holiday, the quarries afternoon, otherwise the men would have noticed the rock working loose and would not have gone to work until the danger.

had been removed. The scenes about the mouth of the quarry pit this morning were heartrending. as the wives of some of the buried men back by force or they would have thrown on the floor of the mine, when found. themselves into the pit in a vain search for the buried men.

The Owens company was removing the top of the tunnel, and would have had it Special Dispatch to The Star. cleared by June 1 had this accident not

#### Calhoun Jury Completed. SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.-The jury that will try Patrick Calhoun, president of the United railroads, on a charge of offering a bribe, was completed today.

Quarrel Over Bill Fatal for Three. PITTSBURG, April 13.-In a quarrel over the payment of a liquor bill three After testifying that he had served ley, above this city.

# TRINITY CHURCH SPLIT REVOLT BREAKS OUT

Partisans Busy Electioneering at Panic Seizes People and Shops of

cooler ..

**Ancient New York Corporation** in Vestry Contest.

FIRST IN OVER 200 YEARS

Issue Is Over the Abandonment of St. John's Chapel.

EXCITING CANVASS FOR VOTES

Polls, With Several Candidates Acting as Assistant Inspectors. Special Dispatch to The Star. NEW YORK, April 13 .- For the first time in 212 years the annual election of

the corporation of Trinity Church is being attended by a well-defined contest. The battle of ballots began today, and the activity of those who are running on the opposing ticket is quite as pronounced as if they were seeking some municipal office with a world of patronage attached

The annual election of wardens and vestrymen today is the culmination of the bitter fight that has been waged within the church as to the advisability of abandoning worship in St. John's Chapel, and the partisans of the chapel are as determined as the members of the parent church.

Long before 10 o'clock, the hour designated for the opening of the polls in being hurriedly closed. Trinity Church vestry room, the corporators as the voters are called, began to assemble. Many of them arrived in a body. This was the case with the memthat they intended to fight to the last worshipped so long. The voting today was under the super-

vision of ex-Surrogate Charles H. Beck- the Turkish capital, dated today. ett. Councel for Trinty Church, and William H. Hamilton, the church's counsel land, Elihu Chauncey, Dr. W. M. Polk

Candidates as Election Inspectors. A noticeable fact was that all of the asfor re-election on the regular Trinity ber and the minister of war." When the opposing factions met in the

body of the church each was armed with a number of ballots, which they handed out to their friends and asked that each do his duty and vote as he saw fit. St. John's partisans handed out little white tickets and to each person they canvassed they said: "All we ask is a fair deal Give us a chance and vote as your conscience dictates and we can ask no more. The regular ticket, which was printed on a blue slip, contained the names of two candidates for warden and twenty for vestrymen. They were as follows: For wardens-William Jay and Edmund

Randolph. For vestrymen-Herman H. Cannon Elihu Chauncey, Richard Delafield, Sydney Webster, John T. Lockland, David B. Ogden, Stuyvesant Fish, Nichols Palmer, William M. Polk, Francis S Bangs, J. Howard Van Amoringe, S. Ed ward Nash, Henry C. Swords, Charles A Schermerhorn, William Barclay Parsons George F. Crane, Francis B. Swayne, Ambrose S. Murray, jr., Judge Vernon M. Davis and Edgerton L. Winthrop, jr. The ticket put in the field by the St John's faction was similar with the exception of four vestrymen. Their ticket contained the names of Philip R. Schell, Henry St. John Hyde, William S. Rose and Henry Bustown, who oppose Messrs. Cannon, Delafield, Palmer and Bangs, re-

Voting Proceeding Rapidly. In spite of a lot of scrutiny on the part of either side, the casting of ballots proceeded without delay. Over 300 votes were put in the box during the first hour, and before another half hour had passed the long voting line had been reduced to a string of not more than a half dozen. An inspector was detailed to identify the voters from each chapel. By him

communicant for a year. At 12 o'clock something like 400 ballots had been cast in all and, judging by the color of the ballots, the watchers thought that less than a quarter of these were for the St. John's ticket. Though the polls need not be kept open Turks. after noon, by the church laws, it was announced for the vestry that they would remain open until 6 p.m., at least, and

later if any probability remained of

stood the vicar of the chapel, to vouch

for the voters being duly qualified. The

### UNIQUE LIQUOR CONTEST. Indiana Town Split on Saloon Issue.

votes still to be cast.

DUNKIRK, Ind., April 13.-A lively fight is on here between the saloon and Hilmi Pasha. He was appointed to this the temperance interests, due to the fact office February 14, in succession to Kiathat Dunkirk is partly in Jay county, mil Pasha. which lately voted "dry," and partly in Hilmi Pasha was formerly minister of Blackford county, which lately voted the interior. Before holding this office he

In Two Counties.

county portion of the town have anlicenses to open saloons in the "wet" neighborhood. The temperance forces will fight the

RESCUED AFTER SIX DAYS.

Mexican Miners Forced to Subsist on Rats-No Water. Special Dispatch to The Star.

EL ROSO, Mex., April 13.-After being this assumption of absolute power by an buried for six days in the San Patricia mine, Jesus Montes and Antonio Huarte were rescued by a party of men, led by Supt. Frank Jenkins. The men were alive when taken out, but had been forced to live on rats during their confinement. and had to do without water the entire were crazed with grief, and had to be held time. The men were unconscious, lying

## Tiger Kills Hunter.

MONTEREY, Mex., April 13.-Five hunters of a party of six have returned to inations he attributed the vote of centheir homes to tell the tale of the horrible death of Jose Reyes, the sixth man of the party. Two of the hunters live here and three in Chihuahua. They were hunting for big game in the mountains close to the border of Chihuahua and Nuevo Leon when Reyes and a companion wounded a tiger. The animal attacked the men, and is said to have severed Reyes' head in the first assault and to have dragged him off into a canyon while the companion fled. The other hunters became lost and wandered for several Italians were fatally shot today at Bagg- days in the mountain jungle before find- embark on the imperial yacht Hohenzolling their way out.

Weather.

Showers and cooler tonight.

Wednesday fair and much

Opposing Troops, Turks 'Ministry, Threaten Parliament Building.

DEMAND DISMISSAL OF THE GRAND VIZIER

City Are Closed Up.

WAR DEPARTMENT IS SEIZED

Minister Reported a Fugitive. Brief Dispatches Tell of Grave Situation Following Murder of Liberal Editor.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 13.-Serious disturbances of a revolutionary character

have broken out here. The situation is grave. Mutinous troops are demonstrating against the building of

Panic has seized the people of Constantinople. All through the city shops are

Revolt Against Young Turks. FRANKFORT, April 13. - "Constantibers of the St. John's Chapel, who arrived nople has been in constant revolution ditch for the chapel in which they had Constantinople correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung, in a dispatch from

"Two battalions of troops quartered in of record. The Rev. Dr. Manning, rector the ministry of war marched out at of Trinity, was chief of election inspect- dawn, headed by their officers, going via ors. and his assistants included E. R. dawn, headed by their omcers, going via W. ithrop, jr., A. S. Murray, J. P. Lock-, Divan and Jolo streets to the Mosque of St. Sophia, and from there to the houses of parliament.

"They demand the dismissal of the sistant inspectors of election are running grand vizier, the president of the cham-

Minister of War May Be Fugitive. VIENNA, April 13.-Startling rumors are current here to the effect that Constantinople today is in the throes of a grave revolutionary movement.

The information thus far received is meager. It is reported that several thousand mutinous troops have surrounded the building of parliament and that the whole capital is in a state of dangerous excitement.

Another report says that the ministry of war has been occupied by the insurgents and that the minister has fied. Situation Is Grave. LONDON, April 13.-The only news to

reach London up to 12:30 o'clock today of the situation at Constantinople is contained in a code message which set forth that serious disturbances of a revolutionary character had broken out, and that the situation was grave. This message was accepted here as foreshadowing a dangerous upheaval.

Neither the foreign office, the Turkish embassy nor the banks with Constantinople connections had any further information.

It is known, however, that the situation has been extremely strained for several weeks past, owing to the great bitterness between the committee of union and progress and the liberals. The liberals resent the attempts of the committee to control public affairs.

Climax of Political Feud. The murder of Hassan Fehmi Effendi, editor of the liberal newspaper Serbesti. April 7 is thought here to have been the climax of this political feud. The editor was shot and killed by an unqualification required was status as a known man as he was entering his office. A government official accompanying him

> was wounded. The Serbesti had been carrying on a campaign against the committee of union and progress, in other words the young

Violent demonstrations, both inside parliament and in the street adjacent, followed the killing of the editor. The grand vizier and the president of the chamber were obliged to harangue the crowds outside and assure them that justice would

Situation in Turkey. The present grand vizier of Turkey is

served as inspector general of Macedonia. Several keepers of saloons in the Jay Ali Riza Pasha is minister of war and marine and is grand master of artillery These and other changes in the cabinet nounced their intention to apply to the that took place in February showed the commissioners of Blackford county for absolute control of the political situation by the Young Turks party, or committee of union and progress, which virtually imposed on the sultan a ministry of its

own nominees. The committee February 14 publicly repudiated any intention to overthrow the sultan or to install a military dictatorship. But the crisis and its outcome was then regarded as not promising well for the stability of the throne or the success of parliamentary government. It has been a question how the moderate elements of the empire would regard

irresponsible committee. Opposition to Kaimil Pasha.

The committee of union and progress consistently opposed Kaimil Pasha, Hilmi Pasha's predecessor. It suspected him of being too considerate of palace influences and complained of his slowness in conducting the negotiations with Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria.

April 3. Kaimil Pasha issued a statement in which he denounced the committee of union and progress, to which machsure in the Turkish parliament, and the consequent downfall of his cabinet. The irresponsible interference of this committee, Kaimil Pasha declared, had neutralized the efforts of the government and if permitted to continue would seriously ndanger the future of the country.

Kaiser Leaves Potsdam for Venice. POTSDAM, April 13.-Emperor William, the empress and Prince Oscar left this city today for Venice, where they will

lern for Corfu.

